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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED PROBLEM

1. AFTER WHITE HOUSE NOON BRIEFING MARCH 9 JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS ASKED PRESS SECRETARY NESSEN ABOUT TIMING OF DESPATCH OF PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER MIKI. JAPANESE PRESS INTERPRETED NESSEN'S REPLY AS INDICATING THAT LETTER MIGHT NOT BE SENT FOR TWO WEEKS WHICH SET OFF A FLURRY OF QUERIES ABOUT REASONS FOR DELAY. WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE HAS SINCE CLARIFIED THAT NESSEN STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT SAY EXACTLY WHEN LETTER WOULD BE SENT IT WOULD BE HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES DEPARTMENT HAS STATED THAT WE EXPECT PRESIDENT TO SIGN LETTER "SOON", AND AMBASSADOR TOGO, WHO HELD PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 9, STATED THAT HABIB TOLD HIM THAT LETTER WOULD SOON BE ON ITS WAY.
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